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a central station, at least one postage meter, means for placing said postage meter in direct communication with said central station, means for sensing postage meter tampering whereby when said central station communicates with said meter said central station is provided with an indication of the sensing of any tampering with said postage meter.

12. A system of claim 11 wherein said means for communicating is a mail piece.

13. A system for inspecting postage meters remotely, 10 comprising:

a central station, at least one postage meter, said postage meter having a memory and at least one sensor

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in communication with said memory, means for connecting said at least one sensor with a component of said meter, whereby said at least one sensor provides a signal to said memory upon sensing tampering with said component, means for placing said postage meter in communication with said central station, means for storing in said memory said signal provided by said at least one sensor, whereby when said central station communicates with said postage meter said memory provides to said central station an indication of any tampering with said component of said postage meter.

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